

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  v.  GERALD EDWIN CARLSON	No. 13-CR-223 (JRT)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  v.  JAMES BRYAN CROOK	No. 13-CR-221 (DSD)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  v.  AMRI ELSAFY	No. 11-CR-154 (DSD)

**NOTICE TO THE COURT OF RELATED CASES**

The undersigned attorney hereby notifies the Court and counsel that the above-captioned cases are related for the following reasons:

- Cases involving the same act or transaction connected with or constituting a part of a common conspiracy, scheme or plan.
- Cases arising out of the same operative set of facts, behavioral episode, or course of conduct whether the prior cases are open or closed.
- Cases that arise out of the same investigation and have temporal proximity.

- The cases stem from an investigation of a common organization; e.g., a particular gang, corporation, financial institution, etc., and the cases involve common personnel and/or factual scenarios.

Respectfully submitted,

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